



# Biodiversity Policy

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Indaver is a waste management company that provides sustainable solutions for the collection, treatment, and disposal of various types of waste. We are committed to protecting and enhancing the biodiversity of the ecosystems where we operate and minimizing our environmental impact.

## Our biodiversity policy is based on the following principles and actions:

- We conduct environmental impact assessments (EIAs) for all our waste management activities, in accordance with the EU Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. We evaluate the potential effects of our activities on flora, fauna, and habitats, especially those that are sensitive or protected, such as Natura 2000 areas and water bodies. Furthermore, we implement mitigation measures to avoid or reduce any significant adverse impacts on biodiversity.
- We prevent and control littering, especially plastics, which pose a serious threat to biodiversity on land and in water. We use closed or covered facilities for unloading, storing, and processing waste, and we apply high standards of order and cleanliness in all our activities. Our engineered landfills are designed and managed well to prevent environmental incidents, which include littering. We also promote the recycling and recovery of plastics and other materials from waste, to reduce the generation of waste and the need for disposal.
- We minimize our emissions to air and water, by using best available techniques (BAT) for waste treatment and incineration, as described in the European BAT Reference documents for Waste Treatment (2018) and Waste Incineration (2019). We comply with the strict emission limits of the EU Industrial Emissions Directive, which are among the most stringent for any industrial sector. We monitor our emissions continuously or at a high frequency, and we report our environmental performance in a validated yearly sustainability report. We aim to reduce our emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx), which contribute to eutrophication and acidification of ecosystems, by implementing a stepwise improvement program based on BAT and continuous improvement of the abatement techniques.



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- We manage our own areas in a nature-friendly way by avoiding the use of pesticides, using biological alternatives for pest control, and planting native species in our green spaces. We also support biodiversity-related activities by third parties, such as nature conservation organizations or local projects that promote sustainability. We sponsor numerous initiatives and projects that are mentioned and discussed in our yearly sustainability report.
  
- We integrate biodiversity into our internal strategic and decision-making processes, as well as into our analysis, management, and reporting of long-term risks. We align our biodiversity policy with the UN 2050 vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature", where biodiversity is valued, preserved, restored and used sustainably. We also contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to biodiversity, such as SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 14 (life below water), SDG 15 (life on land) and SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals).

We are aware of our responsibility to protect and promote biodiversity in our industry and in society. We are committed to implementing this policy in all our activities and businesses, and to reviewing it regularly to ensure its effectiveness and improvement.

*We are explicitly committed to the United Nations' "Convention on Biological Diversity"*



